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Applicant : Wu, et al.) Group Art Unit 1744
App. No. : 09/746,990)
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR DELIVERING FLUIDS)
TO CONTACT SURFACES)
BETWEEN PARTS OF A)
MEDICAL DEVICE)
Examiner : Unknown)

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references previously provided in parent Appl. Nos. 09/384,761 and 08/992,131, as well as an additional reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,269,790). A copy of the additional reference is also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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